



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Butuc, Gina S.

Serial No.: 09/853,552

Filed: May 11, 2001

For: GEL COMPOSITOINS

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Examiner: Peter D. Mulcahy

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Transmitted herewith in connection with the above-identified application are the following documents:

- 1) Reply to Office Action mailed July 7, 2003; and
- 2) Postcard Acknowledgement.
- 3) Requisite fee for additional claims added by amendment (\$0.00). Calculations shown below.

FOR	NUMBER PAID	FILED -	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	CALCULATIONS
TOTAL Claims	49	-49=	0	x \$ 18.00 =	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT Claims	7	-7=	0	x \$ 84.00 =	\$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)				1 x \$280.00 =	\$0.00
				TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =	\$0.00
REDUCTION BY 2 FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY (Note 37 C.F.R. 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). IF APPLICABLE, VERIFIED STATEMENT MUST BE ATTACHED.					\$0.00
					Total = \$0.00

No fees are believed to be due for this submission, however the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required for this submission to Deposit Account 10-0447, reference 42133-00009USP1 (ABDON).

Respectfully submitted,

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Signature: *P. Peterson*

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 22, 2003

In response to the Office Action mailed July 7, 2003, the Applicants respectfully respond as follows. The deadline for a Response is October 7, 2003. Therefore, this Response is timely filed.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.